

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Shrinath Malur (Reg. 34663) on 12/10/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

As per **claim 6:**

The remote copy system of claim [4] 1, further comprising:

first and second primary bitmaps provided at the first and second primary subsystems, respectively;

first and second intermediate bitmaps provided at the intermediate subsystem;
and first and secondary bitmaps provided at the first and second secondary subsystems, respectively,

wherein the first and second primary bitmaps are associated with the first intermediate bitmap and the first and second secondary bitmaps are associated with the second intermediate bitmap,

wherein the bitmaps are used during a resynchronization process to determine and copy only data have been changed suspension of mirroring of a paired volumes.

As per **claim 7**:

The remote copy system of claim [3] 1, wherein the intermediate subsystem including a journal volume to receive the write data from the first and second primary subsystems.

Conclusion

A. **Subject Matter Considered Allowable**

Claims 1, 6-9, 11-13, 17-20, 24 and 25 are allowed.

The primary reasons for allowance of **claims 1, 19, 24 and 25** in the instant application is the combination with the inclusion in these claims that "a second storage area, wherein the plurality of primary subsystem including a first primary volume provided in a first primary subsystem, and a second primary volume provided in a second primary subsystem, wherein the first and second storage areas are first and second intermediate volume, the first intermediate volume being configured to receive write data from the first primary volume and the second intermediate volume being configured to receive write data from the second primary volume, wherein the first intermediate volume is configured to send the write data received from the first primary volume to a first secondary volume provided in a first secondary subsystem and the second intermediate volume is configured to send the write data received from the second primary volume to a second secondary volume provided in a second secondary subsystem". The prior art of record neither anticipates nor renders obvious the above

recited combination. Claims 6-9, 11-13, 17, 18 and 20 are allowed due to their dependency on the allowed claims 1, 19, 24 and 25.

B. Direction of Future Remarks

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